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Despite the efforts of Obi-Wan Kenobi to educate Anakin Skywalker in the ways of the Force, the young Padawan questions whether his future truly lies with the Jedi Order.

Responding to a distress call from the ruined world Carnelion IV, the pair have found themselves in the midst of a war between two factions – the Open and the Closed.

Anakin has been kidnapped by natives who believe that his talents will help them win the war. Meanwhile, Obi-Wan has followed the distress call to its origin: a woman named Sera who has dedicated her life to collecting remnants of old technology in hope of inspiring the planets' youth, and ending the conflict. But as Open and Closed forces converge on Sera's fortress museum, those hopes may prove futile....

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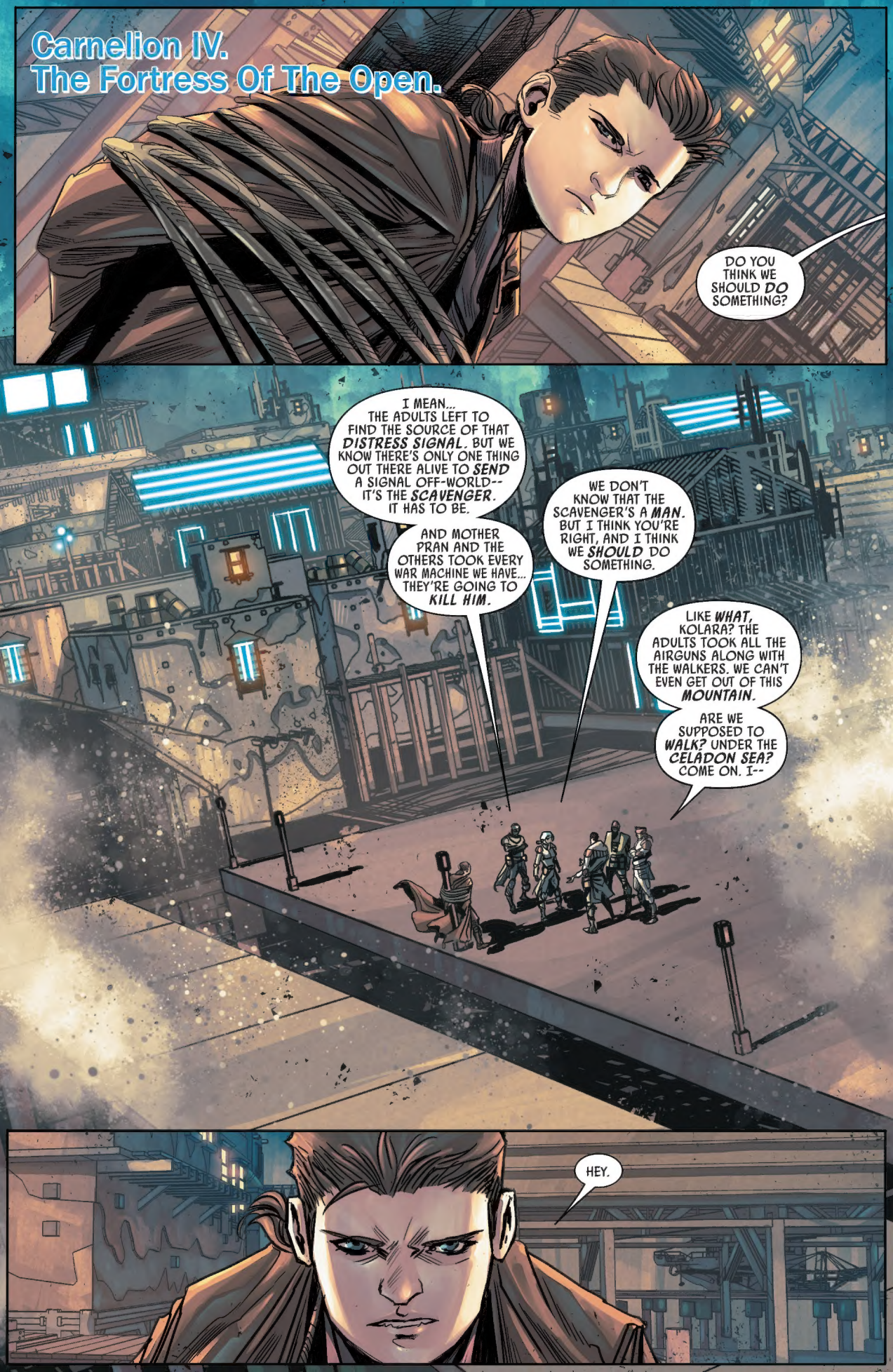
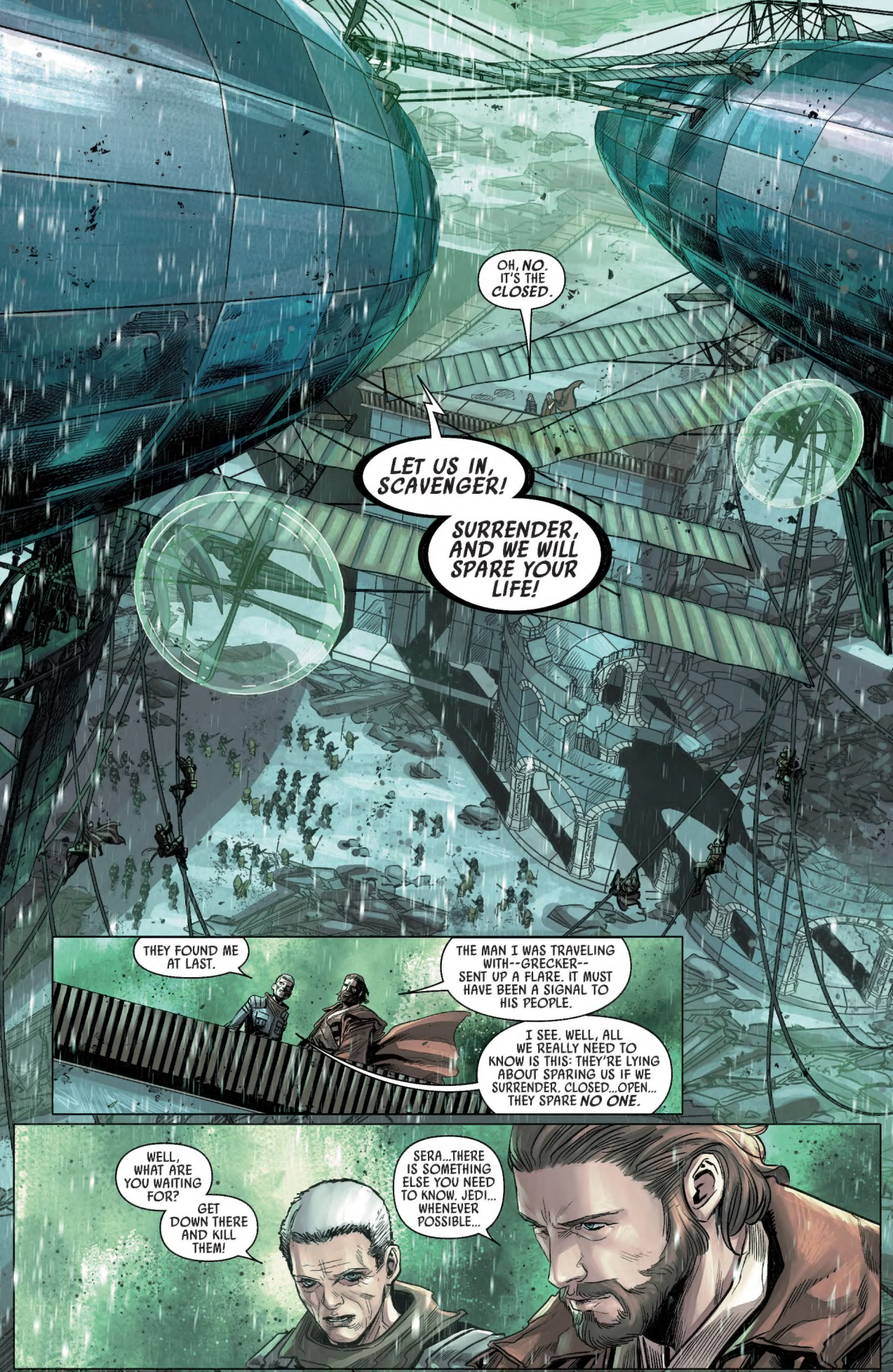

Carnelion IV.
The Fortress Of The Open.
DO YOU THINK WE SHOULD DO SOMETHING?
I MEAN... THE ADULTS LEFT TO FIND THE SOURCE OF THAT DISTRESS SIGNAL. BUT WE KNOW THERE'S ONLY ONE THING OUT THERE ALIVE TO SEND A SIGNAL OFF-WORLD-- IT'S THE SCAVENGER. IT HAS TO BE.
AND MOTHER PRAN AND THE OTHERS TOOK EVERY WAR MACHINE WE HAVE... THEY'RE GOING TO KILL HIM.
WE DON'T KNOW THAT THE SCAVENGER'S A MAN. BUT I THINK YOU'RE RIGHT, AND I THINK WE SHOULD DO SOMETHING.
LIKE WHAT, KOLARA? THE ADULTS TOOK ALL THE AIRGUNS ALONG WITH THE WALKERS. WE CAN'T EVEN GET OUT OF THIS MOUNTAIN.
ARE WE SUPPOSED TO WALK? UNDER THE CELADON SEA? COME ON. I--
HEY.

ANAKIN... I'M SORRY ABOUT THIS. I'M SORRY WE KIDNAPPED YOU.
I DIDN'T HAVE A CHOICE. MOTHER PRAN IS OUR LEADER. I COULDN'T SAY NO TO HER. ARE YOU HURT? I DIDN'T WANT TO HURT Y--
I'M FINE, KOLARA. WHO IS THE SCAVENGER?
WE...WE DON'T KNOW. SOMEONE OUT IN THE WASTES, UNDER THE CELADON SEA.
YOU REMEMBER THE KITE WE SAW ON THE AIRGUN? THAT WAS ONE OF MANY...GIFTS FROM THE SCAVENGER. LITTLE PIECES OF THE WORLD BEFORE.
THE SCAVENGER SENDS US BEAUTIFUL THINGS. IT'S LIKE... BACK BEFORE THE WAR PEOPLE HAD TIME TO CARE ABOUT SOMETHING BEYOND JUST THE FIGHTING.
THEY COULD MAKE THINGS. THINGS THAT AREN'T REALLY FOR ANYTHING. THEY'RE JUST...
...BEAUTIFUL.
IT'S CALLED ART, KOLARA. THAT'S THE WORD YOU'RE LOOKING FOR.

NOW I UNDERSTAND WHY THE ADULTS ARE SO AFRAID OF THE SCAVENGER. HE'S A DISTRACTION.
ALL THE ADULTS--CLOSED, OPEN, IT DOESN'T MATTER--NONE OF THEM WANT YOU THINKING ABOUT ANYTHING OTHER THAN WINNING THE WAR.
THE SCAVENGER SHOWS YOU THAT THINGS USED TO BE DIFFERENT... AND MAYBE THEY COULD BE AGAIN. NO WONDER THEY WANT HIM DEAD.
WHO IS THIS, KOLARA?
SKYGIFT. HIS NAME IS ANAKIN. HE AND HIS MASTER CAME HERE BECAUSE OF THE DISTRESS CALL, AND--
SKYGIFT? HE'S NOT EVEN FROM THIS WORLD, AND YET HE THINKS HE KNOWS OUR BUSINESS?
LET ME ASK A QUESTION. ONE QUESTION.
HOW MANY OF YOU HAVE ART FROM THE SCAVENGER? I KNOW KOLARA HAS SOME. WHAT ABOUT THE REST OF YOU?
WE...
YOU ALL HAVE SOMETHING. I THOUGHT SO. LISTEN. YOU DON'T WANT MOTHER PRAN TO KILL THE SCAVENGER, AND I WANT TO GET BACK TO MY MASTER.
WE CAN HELP EACH OTHER. I CAN MAKE THINGS. THERE'S PLENTY HERE I CAN USE.
HE'S TELLING THE TRUTH. HE FIXED THE MECHS.
I CAN DO IT. I CAN FIX EVERYTHING.
BUT I CAN'T DO IT ALONE.

Fortress of the Scavenger.
Shrine To The World That Was.
THIS IS THE MACHINE I USED TO CALL YOU TO THIS PLANET, OBI-WAN. I GOT IT WORKING JUST LONG ENOUGH TO SEND OUT A SIGNAL-- BUT IT BROKE AGAIN RIGHT AFTER.
MAYBE YOU CAN FIX IT?
NO, SERA. MY SKILLS LIE ELSEWHERE. ALTHOUGH I AM TRAVELING WITH A YOUNG MAN WHO COULD REPAIR THE MACHINE, I'M SURE.
YOUR MESSAGE WAS VERY SPECIFIC. IT USED PHRASING UNIQUE TO MY ORDER. HOW DID YOU LEARN TO SPEAK AS THE JEDI DO?
AH, YES. LET ME SHOW YOU. I HAVE TO TELL YOU, I WAS ALMOST READY TO GIVE UP.
I'M OLD. I'LL BE DEAD SOON. I WAS AFRAID THAT ALL MY WORK WOULD DISAPPEAR WITH ME, AND THIS WORLD WOULD JUST KEEP... WINDING DOWN.
AND THEN I FOUND THIS.
AS I TOLD YOU--A RECORD OF THE WARRIORS WITH SWORDS OF LIGHT.

THE IMAGE USED TO MOVE...IT WAS A WHOLE STORY, IN COLOR, WITH INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO CALL THE JEDI IF YOU NEEDED THEM.
BUT NOW IT'S BROKEN, LIKE EVERYTHING ELSE. JUST THIS ONE PICTURE, BLACK AND WHITE.
BUT YOU GET THE IDEA. IT SHOWED ME WHAT YOU CAN DO. YOU JEDI... YOU'RE POWERFUL. NO ONE CAN STAND AGAINST YOU.
IF YOU BRING YOUR PEOPLE, YOU CAN END THIS WAR.
OPEN... CLOSED...YOU CAN KILL THEM ALL. AND THEN I CAN START OVER, WITH THE YOUNG.
HMM.
SERA. LET ME ASK YOU A QUESTION.
WHEN YOUR JEDI SCREEN STILL WORKED...TELL ME. THE LIGHTSABER THIS WARRIOR HELD...
...WHAT COLOR WAS IT?
WHY... RED, I BELIEVE.
DOES IT MATTER?
THOOOOM!
WHAT IN THE--
SOMETHING JUST HIT THE MAIN DOORS. SOMETHING BIG.
FOLLOW ME, JEDI. WE NEED TO GET TO THE ROOF.


OH, NO. IT'S THE CLOSED.
LET US IN, SCAVENGER!
SURRENDER, AND WE WILL SPARE YOUR LIFE!
THEY FOUND ME AT LAST.
THE MAN I WAS TRAVELING WITH--GRECKER-- SENT UP A FLARE. IT MUST HAVE BEEN A SIGNAL TO HIS PEOPLE.
I SEE. WELL, ALL WE REALLY NEED TO KNOW IS THIS: THEY'RE LYING ABOUT SPARING US IF WE SURRENDER. CLOSED...OPEN... THEY SPARE NO ONE.
WELL, WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? GET DOWN THERE AND KILL THEM!
SERA...THERE IS SOMETHING ELSE YOU NEED TO KNOW, JEDI... WHENEVER POSSIBLE...

...THEY SPARE EVERYONE.
I AM NOT THE ONE YOU'RE LOOKING FOR. I AM A JEDI.
BUT KNOW THAT I HAVE PLACED HER UNDER MY PROTECTION, BEFORE YOU MAKE ANY RASH DECISIONS.
UH-HUH. YOUR PROTECTION, EH?
I THINK I'LL RISK IT.
WHERE IS GRECKER? IF HE'S DEAD--
KILL HIM.
GRECKER!
KILL HIM, AND BURN THIS PLACE TO THE GROUND.

YOU HEARD HIM! ATTACK!
KKKT!
KKKT! KKKT!
NO! I AM NOT YOUR ENEMY!
SSSK!
GAH!
DON'T LOSE HIM! HE'S QUICK, THIS ONE!

DON'T YOU WORRY, GRECKER-- WE'LL GET H--
KTHOOM!
HELLO.
THE OPEN? BUT THOSE MACHINES... HOW DID THEY--
GOODBYE.

BRRRRRK!

BRRRRRK!

GAH!

NNGH!

FALL BACK!

BRRRRRK!

WHERE DID THEY GET THOSE DAMNED *MECHS?*

GRECKER. THIS HAS TO *STOP.*

THE WOMAN YOU'RE ALL TRYING TO KILL--SHE'S TRYING TO *SAVE THIS WORLD.*

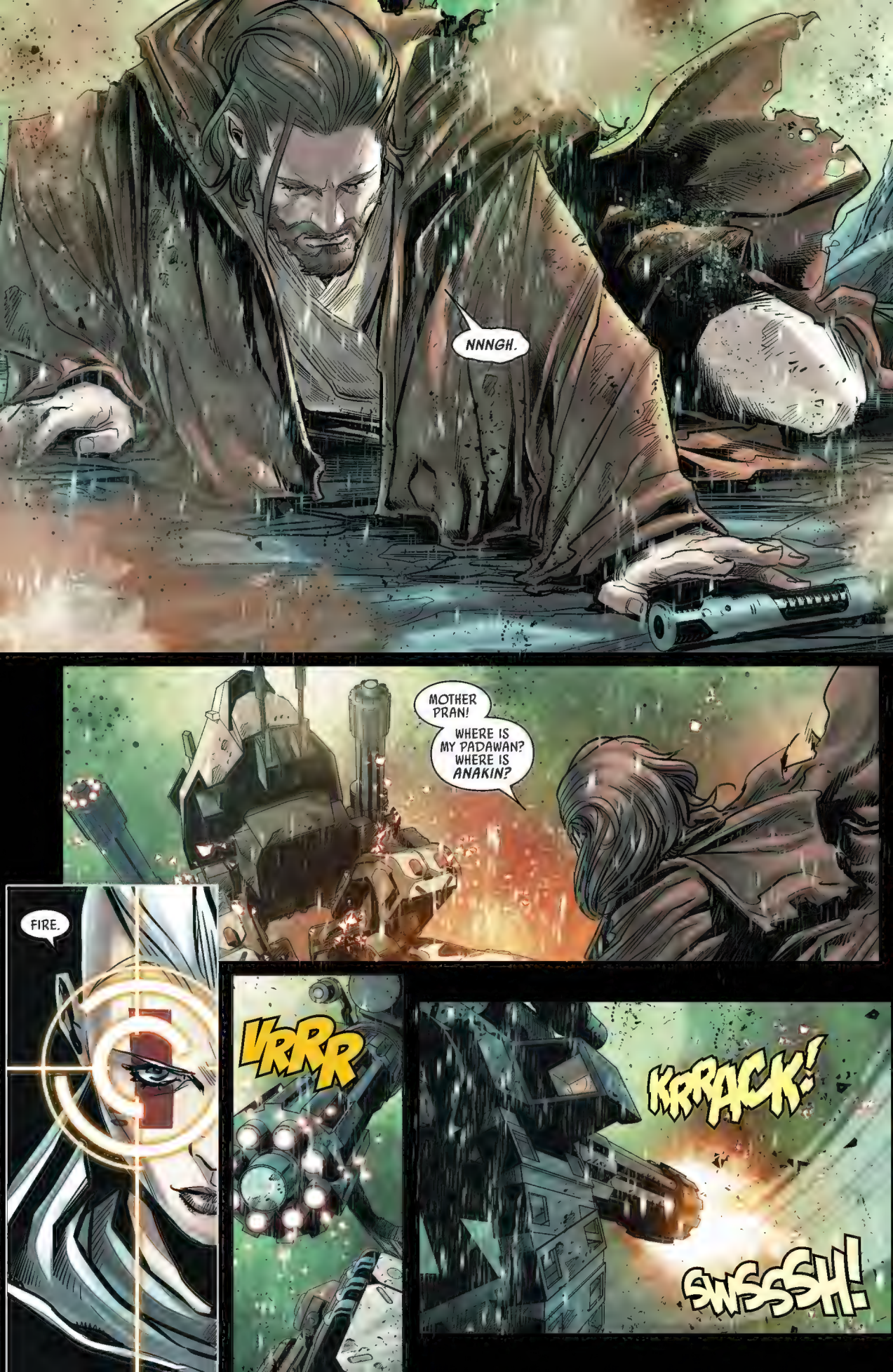
WHO DO YOU THINK YOU *ARE?*

YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING *ABOUT* THIS WORLD--YOU JUST FLY HERE IN YOUR *STARSHIP,* THINK YOU CAN *SAVE US?* DON'T YOU GET IT, YOU FOOL?

IT'S TOO L--

AGH!

BOOM!


NNNGH.
MOTHER PRAN!
WHERE IS MY PADAWAN? WHERE IS ANAKIN?
FIRE.
VRRR
KRRACK!
SWSSSH!

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, MASTER?
WELL ENOUGH. THANK YOU, ANAKIN.
WHERE DID YOU FIND THIS FLYING MACHINE?
I DIDN'T FIND IT, MASTER. I BUILT IT.
AH. OF COURSE YOU DID.
I BROUGHT KOLARA AND THE REST OF THE YOUNG OPEN.
ARE YOU...THE ONE WHO SENDS US THE... THE ART?
I AM.
SO YOU'RE REALLY HER. THE SCAVENGER.
IS THAT WHAT YOU CALL ME? I SUPPOSE I AM. MY NAME IS SERA.
DON'T WORRY, MASTER. EVERYTHING'S GOING TO BE ALL RIGHT.
IS IT, ANAKIN? I AM BEGINNING TO HAVE MY DOUBTS.
WHY DO YOU SEND THE KITES? WHAT DO YOU WANT?
WHY, CHILD... I WANT TO START OVER. WITH ALL OF YOU.
BUT I SUPPOSE ALL OF THAT'S DONE NOW.
WHY?
BECAUSE OF HIM. IT'S MY FAULT. I CALLED HIM TO THIS WORLD. I THOUGHT HE COULD HELP.
INSTEAD, HE LED BOTH THE CLOSED AND THE OPEN RIGHT TO ME. NOW THEY KNOW WHERE I AM...HE'S DESTROYED EVERYTHING.
EVEN IF HE CALLS IN THE REST OF HIS JEDI TO KILL THEM, IT WILL BE TOO LATE.
MASTER... WHAT IS SHE SAYING? WE AREN'T KILLERS.
NO, ANAKIN. WE ARE NOT.
COME WITH ME.

PERHAPS WE'LL GET LUCKY. PERHAPS THEY'LL ALL KILL EACH OTHER. THE BEST WE CAN HOPE FOR.
WHAT? SOME OF THEM ARE OUR PEOPLE. WE DON'T WANT THEM TO DIE.
THIS IS A COMMUNICATIONS UNIT, MASTER.
YES. BUT NON-FUNCTIONAL. CAN YOU FIX IT?
I'M SURE I CAN. THIS PLACE IS FULL OF PARTS.
DO IT. QUICKLY. WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME.
COME ON. ALL OF YOU. WE HAVE TO GET DOWN THERE AND HELP.
YOU CAN'T. WHY WOULD YOU THROW YOUR LIVES AWAY? THIS ISN'T YOUR FIGHT.
I THINK YOU'VE BEEN ALONE OUT HERE TOO LONG. OF COURSE IT'S OUR FIGHT.
WHETHER WE WANT IT OR NOT.
NO! WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS? YOU ARE FOOLS!
THERE. THAT'S IT. WE CAN SEND A SIGNAL OFF-PLANET.
GOOD.
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?
SIMPLE ENOUGH, ANAKIN...

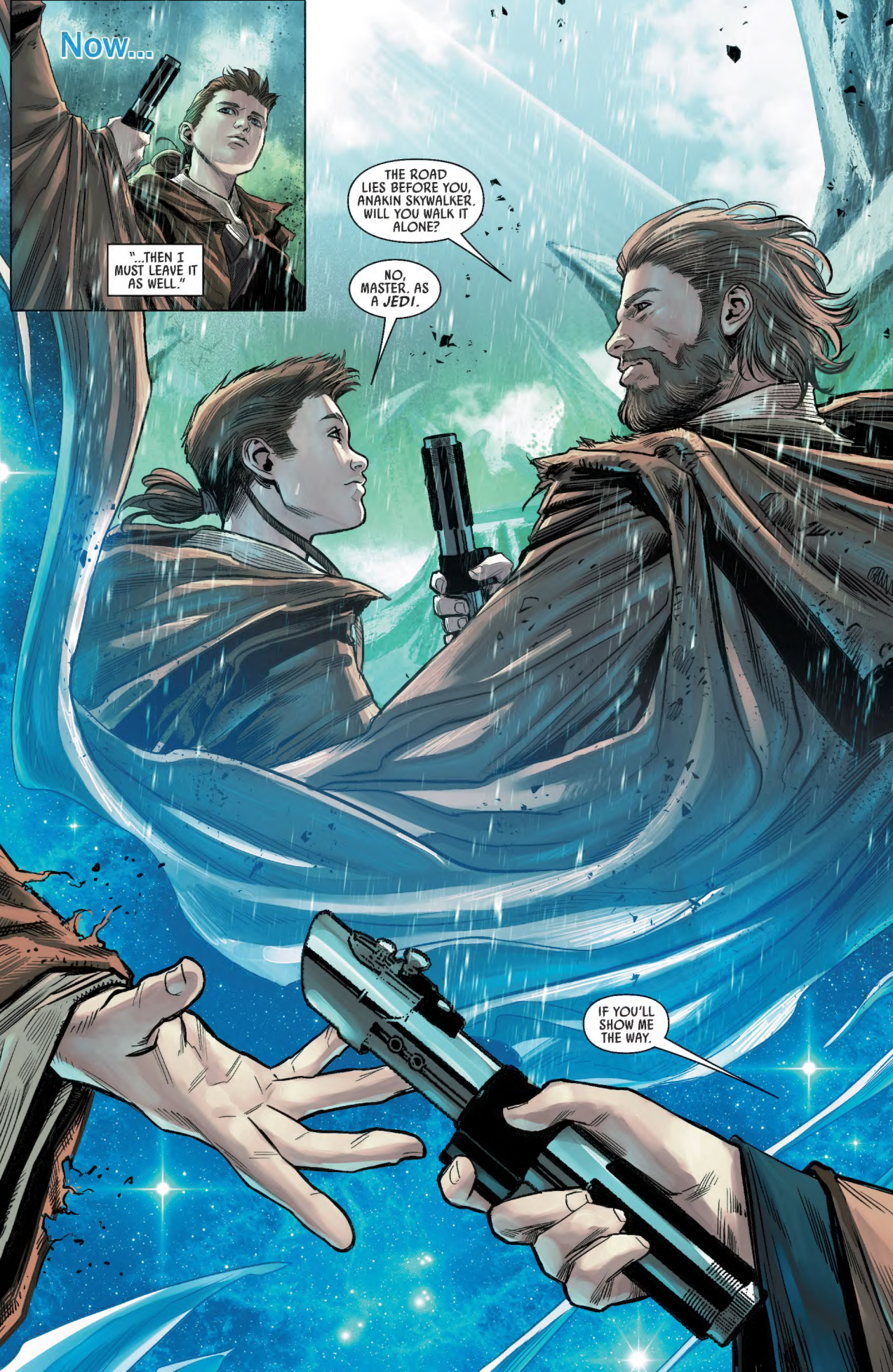
"...I'M GOING TO CHANGE THE SYSTEM."
TAKE DOWN THE CLOSED! AS MANY AS WE CAN!
DIE, OPEN...JUST DIE!
SSSSSSFFFSHHHH
WHAT...
IT'S...IT'S IMPOSSIBLE.
THE SKY.

CEASE ALL HOSTILITIES.
REPEAT. ALL HOSTILITIES MUST CEASE IMMEDIATELY.
WHAT... WHAT ARE THEY?
SK... SKYGIFT! THEY'RE SKYGIFT!

HOW DID YOU GET THE FLEET TO COME HERE? I THOUGHT THE REPUBLIC DIDN'T CARE ABOUT THIS PLACE.
I TOLD THEM WE HAD DISCOVERED THAT THE UNUSUAL ATMOSPHERE ON THE PLANET HAD HIGH CONCENTRATIONS OF TIBANNA GAS. THEY'RE HERE TO SECURE IT.
IS THAT TRUE?
I HAVE NO IDEA. THAT'S NOT THE POINT. THE POINT WAS TO GET THEM HERE.
THE PEOPLE OF THIS WORLD MAY FIND PEACE TO THEIR LIKING. IT'S A CHANCE, ANYWAY.
IT WILL BE SOME TIME BEFORE THE REPUBLIC COMPLETES ITS SURVEY, AND DURING THAT TIME THEY WON'T ALLOW THE FIGHTING TO START AGAIN.
PERHAPS THEY WILL CHOOSE TO HELP THEMSELVES.
BUT... THEY JUST BELIEVED YOU?
YES. THE REPUBLIC DID NOT COME HERE BECAUSE OF OBI-WAN KENOBI. THEY ARE HERE BECAUSE A JEDI CALLED.
BEING A JEDI IS NOT JUST ABOUT POWER, OR LIGHTSABERS, OR EVEN SKILL WITH THE FORCE.
IT IS ABOUT CONNECTION. BEING PART OF SOMETHING BIGGER.
I AM STRONGER AS PART OF THE JEDI ORDER THAN I COULD EVER BE ALONE.

Coruscant.
The Jedi Temple.
Before...
TO LEAVE THE ORDER, DOES ANAKIN WISH?
POSSIBLY, MASTER YODA. HE BELIEVES THAT HIS PATH LIES ELSEWHERE. HE WISHES TO LEAVE HIS TRAINING BEHIND, AT LEAST FOR NOW. HE SAYS HE WILL RETURN, BUT...
I DON'T KNOW WHERE I FAILED. I HAVE DONE MY BEST TO TEACH HIM.
HE BELONGS HERE. HE'S NOT READY. HE'S TOO YOUNG.
AS ARE YOU, OBI-WAN. AS ARE YOU.
YOUR FAULT IT IS NOT. A CHILD ANAKIN REMAINS. HIS PATH BEFORE COMING TO US...DIFFICULT.
HIS QUESTIONS... NATURAL.

A CALL FOR JEDI AID, RECEIVED WE HAVE.
WITH YOUNG SKYWALKER YOU WILL GO, INVESTIGATE YOU SHALL.
IF, AFTER YOUR RETURN, ANAKIN STILL WISHES TO LEAVE US, THEN RELEASED HE SHALL BE.
JAILERS, THE JEDI ARE NOT.
AND IF AWAY HE GOES... YOUR VOW TO QUI-GON JINN. BREAK IT YOU WILL?
NO. I WILL COMPLETE HIS TRAINING IN THE FORCE WHETHER HE IS HERE OR NOT. THE CURRENTS THAT SWIRL AROUND HIM...YOU'VE SEEN THEM.
QUI-GON SAW THEM TOO. THAT'S WHY HE ASKED FOR MY VOW. ANAKIN MUST BE GUIDED. IF THE DARK SIDE FINDS HIM...
DISAGREE, I DO NOT, BUT ALLOW THIS, THE COUNCIL WILL NOT. FOR THE JEDI ORDER ONLY, JEDI TRAINING IS.
UNDERSTAND, DO YOU? ANAKIN'S DEPARTURE, ITS CONSEQUENCE?
OF COURSE, MASTER YODA. IF ANAKIN LEAVES THE ORDER...


Now...
"...THEN I MUST LEAVE IT AS WELL."
THE ROAD LIES BEFORE YOU, ANAKIN SKYWALKER. WILL YOU WALK IT ALONE?
NO, MASTER. AS A *JEDI*.
IF YOU'LL SHOW ME THE WAY.

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